

Every Student Succeeding – The Board of Education recognized several students for earning the “Every Student Succeeding” Award from the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA). These students have succeeded by persevering in the face of adversity and have kept their academics on track. Roxanna Owings, principal of Walker Elementary School and member of the ACSA State Board of Directors in Region 17, acknowledged the achievement and congratulated the students on behalf of ACSA and the Santa Ana School Administrators’ Association, a local chapter of ACSA. “Every Student Succeeding” honorees, from left in photo, include:



1. **Ulises Gallardo**, Martin Elementary
2. **Karla Cabanas**, Santa Ana High
3. **Diego Alcalá**, Santa Ana High
4. **Zahira Gonzalez**, Carr Intermediate
5. **Alexis Rocha**, McFadden Intermediate
6. **Odalís Nancy Quezada**, Spurgeon Intermediate
7. **Eduardo Magaña**, Lorin Grisett Academy
8. **Javier Zamorano**, Middle College High School
9. **Luis García**, Saddleback High School (not pictured)

Recognitions:

Nationally Board Certified Teachers Honored

The following teachers are among just 19 in Orange County this year who have taken the extra step to improve their teaching strategies and mastery of the profession.

- **Marion Douglas**, an 8th Grade Algebra teacher at Spurgeon Intermediate School, received her specialty in Mathematics/Early Adolescence
- **Devora Lemus**, an art teacher at Chavez High School, received her specialty in Art/Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood
- **Rocio Rodriguez-Thomas**, an English Language Arts Teacher at Santa Ana High School, received her specialty in English Language Arts/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

Classified Employee of Month for May 2011

Norma Restrepo, pictured 2nd from right in photo, is an Instructional Assistant for severely disabled students at Walker Elementary School. Restrepo was chosen as employee of the month because of her consistent work ethic, dependability and conscientious manner in performing her job. She’s the teacher’s “right hand,” described Principal Roxanna Owings, right in photo. With them are Classified Director Art Jimenez and Superintendent Jane Russo.



Board Presentations

Santa Ana ¡Adelante! Highlighted – Santa Ana ¡Adelante! is a partnership between the Santa Ana Unified School District, Santa Ana College (SAC) and California State University, Fullerton (CSUF) ensuring a pathway to college beginning in the 6th grade. The partnership guarantees participating students priority registration at SAC and guaranteed transfers to attend CSUF, where they will complete their bachelor's degree. The first group of SAUSD students to benefit from Santa Ana ¡Adelante! will be the graduating seniors from the Class of 2011. They will enter SAC this fall and transfer to CSUF in 2013 or 2014, depending on their ability to enroll in required transfer classes at SAC. [Read more...](#)

California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) Update – Staff presented results from the March 2011 administration of the CAHSEE exam. Over the past three years, SAUSD has increased the percentage of students passing on the first administration of the test in Grade 10, which is the goal. Eighty percent of 10th graders scored 350 or above the pass rate in math and 77% met the pass rate in English Language Arts. All students must pass the State test to be eligible for graduation. [View Presentation](#)

Board Approvals

- **Approval of Renewal Agreement with Pivot Learning Partners for the 2011-12 School Year – (Agenda Item 4.0)** Board approved the agreement paving the way for Pivot Learning Partners to assist SAUSD's 19 secondary schools with improving academic achievement through training and coaching sessions for administrators, teachers and the District's Instructional Leadership Team during the 2011-12 school year. 
- **Board Policy (BP) 5118 and Administrative Regulation (AR) 5118 – Open Enrollment Act Transfers (New: For First Adoption and Implementation) (Agenda Items 5.0 and 6.0)** This BP and AR were adopted for implementation to keep SAUSD in compliance with federal and state regulations with regards to the Open Enrollment Act Transfers. This State act, which became effective January of 2010, enables students to transfer out of low performing schools as identified by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction in the school district and provide parents with more school options.
- **Certification of Third Interim Financial Status (Qualified) (Agenda Item 7.0)** Board approved certification of the third interim financial report with a qualified status as recommended by Business Services. This certification regarding the financial status of SAUSD is required to be submitted to the County Superintendent of Schools per Education Code Section 42131. The report indicates whether or not the District is able to meet its financial obligations for the remainder of this fiscal year and for the subsequent two fiscal years based on the financial information known as of April 30, 2011. Given the magnitude of recent State budget reductions, SAUSD may not be able to merit its financial obligations through the remainder of this fiscal year or for the next two. The Business Services team will present the Board with the preliminary budget for the 2011-12 school year at the June 14 Board meeting.
- **Authorization to Issue Request for Proposals for Solar Power Purchase Agreement for Financial/Funding Services (Agenda Item 13.0)** The Board approved issuing an RFP that would enable the Facilities staff to explore options with third party vendors to install more solar sites throughout the school district.
- **Approval of Collective Bargaining Agreement With California School Employees Association, Chapter 41 for 2010-13 School Years (Agenda Item 15.0)** Board approved.

Longevity Service Awards – The Board of Education and Superintendent Jane Russo congratulated 98 employees who have served SAUSD for 25, 30, 35 or 40 years. Honorees were recognized by the Board, before being treated to a reception where they enjoyed time with their family, friends and colleagues. Festive tunes were provided courtesy of the Godinez Fundamental High School Dixieland Band. Employees with 10, 15 and 20 years of service were recognized at their individual schools or work locations.



For all Board meeting results and presentations refer to the School Board Meeting Agendas and Minutes section of the school district's website ([Board webpage](#)).

The next regularly scheduled **Board of Education meeting** will be held on **Tuesday, June 14, 2011**.